Ensure delivery of other services viz. immunization, health checkup, referral services, nutrition and health education and preprimary education through effective convergence with the Schemes/Programmes of Ministry of Health, Education and Rural Development (Drinking Water Supply).

As a result of these measures number of operational Proejcts and AWCs has gone up from 4608 and 5.45 lakh as on 31.3.2002 to 569 and 7.48 lakh respectively as on 31.3.2006. Number of beneficiaries of supplementary nutrition has also gone up from 375.09 lakh to 562.18 lakh during the same period.

Performance of Anganwadi Scheme

- 1323. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:
 - (a) whether Government are satisfied with its anganwadi scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor along with the places where these kendras are functioning, State-wise;
- (c) the funds earmarked and spent on this scheme by Government and the number of people likely to be benefited thereby;
- (d) the number of anganwadi kendras being run in the country and the number of children enrolled with these kendras at present with special references to Maharashtra;
- (e) whether the existing anganwadi scheme meant for children is going on properly; and
- (f) if not, the steps being taken by Government to ensure the smooth functioning of these kendras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a), (b) and (e) The impact of the Scheme has been significant in improving the health and nutritional status of the beneficiaries as brought out by various studies *viz.* National Evaluation on ICDS Scheme [National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD)-1992]; ICDS Survey, Evaluation and Research 1975-95 [Central Technical Committee on Integrated Mother and Child Development—1996]; National Evaluation of ICDS Scheme [National Council of Applied

Economic Research — 2000-01]; Quick Evaluation of the ICDS Scheme (150 Projects) by NIPCCD in 2005-06.

Moreover, as per the findings of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), the prevalence of underweight among children declined from 53.4% in 1992-93 to 47% in 1998-99 in the country. Similarly, as per Sample Registration System (SRS) data, Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has declined from 73 in 1994 to 58 per thousand live births in 2004.

As the number of operational Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) at present is very large (7.48 lakh), location of Anganwadi Kendras is not recorded at the national level.

- (c)Grant-in-aid of Rs.3641.82 crore was released to the States/UTs for the implementation of the ICDS Scheme (including supplementary nutrition), during 2005-06. Number of beneficiaries increased from 484.42 lakh, as on 31.3.2005 to 562.18 lakh, as on 31.3.2006. The number of beneficiaries would go up further with the operationalisation of Anganwadi Kendras sanctioned last year.
- (d)A Statement indicating number of Anganwadi Kendras functioning/operational State-wise, including Maharashtra and the number of children benefited, as on 31.3.2006 through these Kendras, is annexed (See below).
- (f) The steps taken in the recent past to increase the effectiveness of the delivery of services under the Scheme include:
 - ◆ Expansion of the Scheme from existing 5652 Projects and 7.54 lakh Anganwadi Centres to 6118 Proejcts and 9.46 lakh Anganwadi Centres.
 - ◆ Doubling of financial norms for supplementary nutrition from Re. 1 to Rs. 2 per beneficiary.
 - ♦ Sharing of 50% cost of supplementary nutrition with the States.
 - ♦ Constant emphasis on States to:
 - Ensure regular supply of supplementary nutrition as per schematic norms;
 - Ensure effective convergence of health nutrition, education and safe drinking water services under various programmes.

Statement

State-wise number of anganwadi kendras functioning/operational and no. of beneficiaries (children 6 . months-6 years) under ICDS Scheme as on 31st March, 2006

SI No		Number of Anganwadi Kendras			! Beneficiaries for Supplementary Nutrition			Beneficiaries for Pre-school Education			
		Sanc- tioned	Oper- ational	Pending (likely to be opera- tionalised	Children (6 months 3 years)	Children (3-6 years)	Total Children (6 months- 6 years)	Boys (3-6 years)	Girls (3-6) years)	Total (3-6) years)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
1	Andhra Pradesh	65766	56364	9402	969393	1515375	2484768	757985	770033	1528018	
2	Arunachal Pradesh	3037	2359	678	50505	37989	88494	19110	18851	37961	
3	Assam	32075	25447	6628	683842	576171	1260013	462335	432476	894811	
4	Bihar	80528	57767	22761	2031678	1987613	4019291	1156622	1066080	2222702	
5	Chhattisgarh	29437	20286	9151	852232	577996	1430228	289918	298082	588000	
6	Goa	1012	1012	0	20963	18608	39571	9223	9385	18608	
7	Gujarat	41484	37498	3986	740208	825520	1565728.	721644	682856	1404500	
8	Haryana	16359	13546	2813	499536	455452	954988	242805	212647	455452	
8	Himachal Pradesh	18248	7354	10894	198448	151097	349545	61909	59829	121738	
10	Jammu & Kashmir	18772	10398	8374	153270	120520	273790	63493	.57832	121325	
11	Jharkhand	30854	21792	9062	676162	747706	1423868	375750	393209	768959	
12	Karnataka	51614	40689	10925	1159647	1280680	2440327	630339	634806	1265145	
13	Kerala	28651	25376	3275	377107	525848	902955	263006	261199	524205	

	ALL. INDIA	946060	748229	197831	22711152	24006555	46717707	12470302	12022148	24492450	
35	Pondicherry	688	677	11	22732	6714	29446	2774	2920	5694	
34	Lakshadweep	74	74	0	1998	2015	4013	2015	2003	4018	
33	Daman & Diu	97	87	10	3492	3602	7094	1778	1809	3587	
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	Dadra & N Haveli	215	138	370 77	6120	5815	11935	2533	2427	4960	
	Delhi	4428	3852	576	238423	149384	387807	78598	72956	151554	
	Chandigarh	329	329	0	20006	14557	34563	7198	7359	14557	
	A & N Islands	621	621	19079	13671	2013970 9707	23378	5001	4708	9709	
	Uttaranchal West Bengal	74640	54961 '	19679	1864426	2015976	3880402	813696	828059	1641755	
	Uttar Pradesh	137557 7792	104879 6657	32678 1135	3895756 225005	3871187 153253	7766943 378258	2108544 91370	1972837 90768	4081381 182138	
	Tripura	6094	3768	2326	62199	86006	148205	51086	49966	101052	
	Tamil Nadu	45726	42677	3049	662254	1063995	1726249	535833	528162	1063995	
	Skkim	988	500	488	19040	11893	30933	4986	5197	10183	
	Rajasthan	46862	35817	11045	1339408	1210000	2549408	639731	624716	1264447	
21	Punjab	17421	14730	2691	128637	423687	552324	233505	208385	441890	
20	Orissa	37480	33953	3527	1822200	1895389	3717589	472010	471695	943705	
19	Nagaland	3035	2770	265	157921	105154	263075	56674	49191	105865	
18	Mizoram	1592	1361	231	70676	43438	114114	25473	24995	50468	
17	Meghalaya	3179	2265	914	87457	103864	191321	48199	48237	96436	
16	Manipur	4501	4501	0	94493	84412	178905	56890	57032	113922	
15	Maharashtra	75580	64130	11450	2182497	2654820	4837317	1398217	1307427	2705644	
14	Madhya Pradesh	59324	49594	9730	1379750	1271112	2650862	780052	764014	1544066	